

are fighting a war. And we need to be working to keep them as safe as possible until they are home.

For starters, we need to send a loud message to the insurgents that we will not occupy Iraq and that we will not control Iraq's oil—a message that we want to leave Iraq as much as they want us to leave. Instead, Mr. Speaker, the President has given every impression that the U.S. military has become an occupying force. We are in the process of building a gigantic new U.S. embassy in Baghdad that will span 104 acres, the size of nearly 80 football fields. This does not give the impression that we are winding things down in Iraq. It says to insurgents that we want a permanent military presence and it serves as a recruiting tool to sign up more insurgents. Moreover, it provides no incentives for the Iraqi government to assume more responsibility for the security of its country.

On my last visit to Iraq everyone I spoke with—privates, sergeants and the officers in charge of training the Iraqi security forces—want the Iraqis to assume more of the security responsibilities. Our military has done its job—more often than not in two, three or four tours of deployment—an unconscionable demand on our troops, an unconscionable demand on their families and an unconscionable demand on their communities. And make no mistake—it's taking a toll on our military. Continuous deployment in Iraq has hurt military personnel and their families, and strained recruiting and retention. Consider some of the latest statistics on active duty personnel and selected reserves as well as on recruiting and retention:

Each month the equivalent of one battalion is lost due to deaths and wounds.

All the Army's available active duty combat brigades have served at least a 12-month tour in Iraq or Afghanistan.

At least half of those combat brigades have completed their second tour of duty.

By next year the Army projects that it will be short 3,500 active duty officers, primarily captains and majors.

Approximately 3,500 airmen, as well as sailors, are currently performing Army missions they were not adequately trained to do.

Ninety-seven percent of the National Guard combat and special operations battalions have been mobilized since September 11th.

The average tour for National Guard members is 342 days.

Continuous deployment has damaged readiness for mission skills necessary in the war on terror outside those required in Iraq. Consider some of the latest statistics:

Forty percent of all the Army's and Marine Corps' ground equipment is deployed to Iraq. That equipment is wearing out 2 to 9 times its peacetime rate.

Humvees that are designed for 14 years of operation needs are being overhauled or replaced in just 3 years.

The Army has lost over 100 tanks and armored vehicles and over 1,000 vehicles since the start of the war.

If the war in Iraq ended today, it would take the Army more than 2 years to repair or replace its damaged equipment.

The Marine Corps has determined that equipment deployed to Iraq has suffered such significant damage and wear and tear that 80 percent of it will need to be replaced.

In excess of \$50 billion is needed to repair and replace equipment damaged or lost in Iraq for the Army and Marine Corps.

Mr. Speaker, stay the course is not a strategy for success and we're not doing our job by being a rubber stamp for the Administration. Each day, it becomes more apparent that the Administration does not have, nor has it ever had, a clear, concise and realistic strategy for ending large scale U.S. involvement in Iraq. The American people deserve a clear explanation of what we are doing in Iraq. They deserve to know what the President is going to do to reduce the incredible physical, emotional and financial burden that all Americans are bearing. If this Congress and the President expect the American people to continue making these sacrifices, then there must be a strategy for success.

Mr. Speaker, we must set the bar and identify what it will take for us to accomplish the mission in Iraq. When the Iraqi people conclude the process of amending their constitution, or by September 30, 2006, we must begin the process of redeployment as soon as practicable. This is a workable approach that tracks a timeline set by the Administration. That is why I have introduced H. Con. Res. 348, which would do just that. This legislation is a bipartisan, comprehensive plan to redeploy American forces out of Iraq and send a clear message to the Iraqi people that the United States has no plans to be a permanent occupying force and we have no designs on Iraqi oil. Six Republicans have signed onto this bill. This bipartisan measure has been introduced in the Senate (S. Con. Res. 93), making it the only bicameral approach to Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, I did not support the President's plan to invade Iraq. I considered it to be an unnecessary distraction from hunting down those responsible for the attacks of September 11th. But, as the U.S. has entered its fourth year in Iraq, this is where we are and now we must find a rational and reasonable way out of this mess.

Mr. Speaker, this is not an honest debate about this important issue and while the majority plays politics our men and women serving in Iraq are in terrible danger.

Rhetorical attempts to obfuscate failed tactical decisions in Iraq with the global war on terror will do nothing to solve the problem that is before us today. Nor will it correct this body's failure to provide its constitutional oversight responsibility that has led to the billions of American taxpayer dollars that have either been misused or remain unaccounted for in our efforts to rebuild Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, global terrorism remains a grave national security threat to the United States. However, the war in Iraq and this resolution is a distraction from our struggle against terrorism. As the President continues his stay the course strategy in Iraq, the Taliban is regaining strength in Afghanistan. If we are to prevail in the war on terrorism we must refocus our efforts on terrorist hotbeds, such as Afghanistan.

The brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces are the best-equipped, best-trained and most professional fighting forces in the world. They have been performing their jobs courageously and honorably and their morale remains high. These men and women deserve our thanks and our respect. They deserve better than this sham resolution.

Mr. Speaker, give this House back to the people for real debate on our policy in Iraq.

IN MEMORY OF FIRST LIEUTENANT RYAN T. SANDERS, UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Army First Lieutenant Ryan T. Sanders, an American hero who gave his life in defense of liberty and freedom. He made the ultimate sacrifice so that others might know freedom, and I am humbled by his bravery and selflessness.

First Lieutenant Ryan Sanders was killed on June 11, 2006 while conducting combat operations when a roadside bomb exploded near his Abrams tank in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 27 years old. First Lieutenant Sanders was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

In keeping with Eagle Scout tradition, he placed the safety and well being of others above his own. His family is dedicated to American ideals of freedom and democracy as he is the third of four sons to serve in the Persian Gulf region.

First Lieutenant Sanders is survived by his wife, Jennifer Sanders; his parents, Jim and Kay Sanders of Richardson; his brothers, Mike, Jeff, and Greg Sanders; and his grandparents, Truett and Joyce Sanders of San Angelo. I extend my deepest condolences to each of them.

First Lieutenant Sanders leaves behind a legacy marked by courage, integrity and character. May God bless and comfort all those he loved, and may they know the gratitude of the American people.

DAN DANIEL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, on June 12, 2006, the organizers of the Dan Daniel Charity Golf Tournament, held their 18th tournament at the Andrews Air Force Base Golf facility, named for our beloved and honored colleague from Virginia who died serving his 10th term in Congress. Dan Daniel's unqualified support for the fighting men and women of this nation is legendary.

Dan was the first Chairman of the Readiness Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee and also served as the Chairman of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Panel. He was a man who cared deeply about military readiness and quality of life issues, (exchanges, commissaries, child care centers, bowling alleys, libraries, and golf courses).

Dan was an avid golfer; and while this tournament is held in his honor . . . it is for the men and women who wear the uniform of the United States. This year, the tournament, together with Averett University, of Danville, Virginia, and the Professional Golf Association of America (PGA) hosted numerous special heroes from the Walter Reed Army Hospital and the Bethesda Naval Center to a special day of

fun, relaxation, golf and dinner. The former Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, General Richard Meyer and Mrs. Meyer joined in the day's festivities to salute our troops. Mr. Speaker, all who played with these wounded warriors feel deeply humbled and proud.

All funds generated by this tournament are spent at the Andrews Air Force Base facility to support the base morale, welfare and recreation activities. Profits from the tournament are directed to supporting military scholarship programs. This tournament has strong support from the Congress, business and military resale community.

Our Nation is strong because of the brave members of the Armed Forces. Those with us from Walter Reed and Bethesda are among a very special group who have demonstrated, through their personal courage and sacrifice that our nation remains strong and determined. These proud patriots continue to inspire this generation of America.

The PGA is a true friend of our military forces and their families. We often see pictures of our soldiers hitting golf balls in the deserts of Afghanistan, Iraq and off ships at sea. The PGA constantly provides guidance, instruction, training and certification to our military golf managers and golf course operators.

Mr. Paul Bogin, Chief Operating Officer of the PGA, is retiring at the end of June. Mr. Paul Bogin's outstanding leadership has significantly advanced the interest of golf, especially in the Special Olympics, The National Amputee Golf Outings, minority golf and inner city youth programs. His leadership has improved all aspects of military golf, both here at home and also at bases located overseas. The military courses operate with non-appropriated funds and at no expense to the taxpayer.

The PGA and National Amputee Golf Association conduct clinics at Veterans Hospitals and teach physical therapist how to use golf as a rehabilitative program for the disabled. Efforts are now underway to develop a program for our wounded military.

Mr. Bogin's dedication, leadership and devotion have improved the game of golf, individual golfers, and the military. Mr. Speaker, I applaud the founders and supporters of this great golf event and I congratulate the PGA, sponsors and players, especially our wounded warriors who played in this tournament. I wish Paul Bogin continued success, best wishes and a happy retirement.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the organizers of the Dan Daniel Golf Tournament, and Mr. Bogin, for their continuing dedication to our military forces.

TRIBUTE TO TED RYAN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of an outstanding individual, Ted Ryan. Mr. Ryan was one of amateur radio's most prolific teachers, instructing thousands from 1964 to 2000. He also pioneered the teaching of ham radio in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

He was born on March 15, 1929, in Detroit, Michigan. He served in World War II in Panama, and earned the Legion of Merit for his work on a gunnery system. He studied at the University of Southern California and California State University, Northridge.

Ted Ryan started his extensive amateur radio career in 1964, teaching free licensing classes at the San Fernando Amateur Radio Club, W6SD. The club grew to one of the largest and best run in the country because of his skill and competence. From 1970 to 1982, he taught electric shop and ham radio at John Burroughs Junior High School. After retiring from teaching full-time, he continued to teach at the Red Cross.

Mr. Ryan saw ham radio as more than just an interesting hobby. He told his students that, if they were drafted, a ham radio license could "put a microphone instead of a rifle" in their hands. He was fond of saying that amateur radio saved the lives of many of his students during the Vietnam War. Mr. Ryan also emphasized the importance of public service, and taught his students to be ready to go onto emergency power in the case of an emergency.

Ted Ryan is also remembered for his kindness and devotion to his students. He liked to be called "Grandpa," and told his students "Grandpa loves you." He always came to school early and stayed late, often inviting students to his house on Saturday mornings for tutoring sessions and extra help.

Mr. Ryan touched the lives of all he knew. I am proud to honor the memory of Ted Ryan, ham radio license number WB6JXY.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LARRY D. TERRY, PH.D.

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Larry D. Terry, a leader in the fields of public administration and social research. On Saturday, June 17, 2006, this beloved father, mentor, scholar, educator, and friend passed away. The passing of a loved one is always a great loss to family and friends. When that loss is so sudden, and when that person has touched and affected the lives of so many, it is incumbent upon us to stop and remember such a person with gratitude and respect.

Today I come before you to express condolences to the family and friends of Larry D. Terry, Ph.D., but also to celebrate the life of a youth from Oklahoma, who grew in prominence to become a vital leader in his field and one of the most distinguished graduates of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the State University of Blacksburg, Virginia.

Larry grew up in a family where religion and spirituality were foundations of family life, and educational achievement was stressed. At Lincoln University of Jefferson, Missouri, he majored in political science and earned his bachelor of arts degree. In 1978, he received his master of science degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, where he ma-

jored in community development. In 1989, he earned a Ph.D. in public administration and public affairs at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, where he specialized in organization theory and behavior.

Dr. Terry had a most distinguished professional career as adjunct professor, assistant professor, associate professor, full professor, assistant dean, university provost and university vice president, however his students will best remember him as a dynamic teacher who cared about their success and demanded excellence. His curriculum vitae tells the story of his professional life and his commitment to his students, his universities and to the local, State and Federal agencies and organizations throughout the country that he served.

I met Dr. Larry Terry during his 12-year tenure at the Maxine G. Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University. He was not only on staff at the university—he was my constituent both where he lived and worked. He was also a visionary. Dr. Terry understood his role in preparing students to be ethical, responsible administrators. He understood the relationship between quality service delivery, an informed and active citizenry, and a strong democratic government. While working with public and private partners, he sought methods of best practices and leadership to insure the success of those partnerships.

Dr. Terry was a distinguished scholar with wide-ranging interests, evidenced by publications encompassing academic articles, books, and book reviews. He was the youngest and the first African American editor for the Public Administration Review, a leading journal. In 1999, he was the youngest person to be inducted into the National Academy of Public Administration. Dr. Terry was also a special friend and mentor for African American students, particularly males, who saw in Dr. Terry the possibilities for themselves.

For all of the students who had the good fortune to know him, Dr. Larry Terry was an advisor, mentor, and friend. As assistant dean for graduate programs, at Levin College, he was responsible for the college's Ph.D. program. During his tenure, more Ph.D. students enrolled and graduated than at any other time in the history of the program.

In 2001 Dr. Terry left Cleveland State University for the position of associate provost at the University of Texas at Dallas. There he faced new challenges, new opportunities and new successes. At the time of his death he was vice president for business affairs at the university.

Although we are saddened by the loss of someone we loved and respected, especially one so young and full of potential, today I join Larry's children: Larry II, Felice, Jacob, and Gavin; his family and friends in celebrating the life of a hero. I celebrate the life of a vital Black man who seized the opportunity to expand his knowledge, broaden his horizons through service, and leave a lasting legacy through written words and lessons shared with students.

The torch has now been passed to his students, to make our world a better place. And to Dr. Larry D. Terry's colleagues, I urge you to celebrate his life by expanding on his many good works. His legacy will continue.

May God bless Dr. Larry D. Terry.